

Abingdon Community Council Meeting
April 28, 2014

There were 3 members (C. David Copenhagen, Cynthia Hergenbahn, Carlin Cook and 17 guests in attendance including: Dion Guthrie (Harford County Councilman), Andrew Tress (Aid to County Councilman Billy Boniface), Jessica Blake (Aid to County Councilman Joe Woods), Lt. Dougherty (Harford County Sheriff's Office), Pete Gutwald (Dept. Planning & Zoning for Harford County)

The next meeting will be June 23, 2014 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.
- Not in Attendance: County Councilman Joe Woods; Mary Ann Lisanti nor Manley Calhoun III (her aid)
- Pete Gutwald: Dept. Planning & Zoning for Harford County

Updates on Projects in the Abingdon area:

- MedStar - They have received preliminary approval and submitted building plans. There is a sign up at the location however they have not applied for permits.
- Walmart – Evergreen Trust still owns the property. Planning & Zoning just received the new storm water management plan and the forestation plan. Deficiencies were identified and suggestions were given. The traffic plan was revised in December. The County has a new model that aligns with the State model. The County is consulting with the State. Planning & Zoning is amenable to allowing less parking spaces than required according to square footage of the structure(s).
- Evergreen Apartments – The forestation conservation needs to be updated. Traffic is still an issue especially near the intersection of Rt. 24 and Plumtree. The builder wants to start construction as soon as possible. School projections will be examined.
- Constant Friendship (Riverwoods at Tollgate) – they have received concept plan approval.
- Target Pop Up – There was no information available.
- Boulevard at Box Hill – Two new establishments are coming, The Loft and Carraba's Restaurant. The residential piece has permission and is in the final engineering phase. Improvements at Rt. 924 and Abingdon Road are complete. The County is trying to acquire the Beverage Barn property or the gas station property.
- Laurel Bush Estates – The approvals have been given.
- Laurel Ridge – This project is currently moving through the system.
- Spencer's Landfill – This is a project with Parks and Recreation.
- Septic tank regulation changes – This bill is currently in the County Council. It would reduce the standard from 20,000 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq. ft. This is in keeping with the State standards. This applies only to properties outside the development envelope.
- Lt. Dougherty: Harford County Sheriff's Representative (handout of Crime Analysis for Sectors 30 & 40)
 - Calls for alarms is up slightly
 - Calls for Service increased by 18% and crashes were up. Many of these can be attributed to snow and winter conditions.
 - Theft increased by 53% from 19 at this time in 2013 to 29 the same time in 2014.
- County Council Updates:
 - Dion Guthrie (County Councilman):
 - Community Input Meeting process seems to be just "going through the motions" with no real substance. The County Council is working on a bill to have a 3rd party take minutes.
 - The last budget meeting is April 29. There will be public hearings on May 1 at North Harford High and on May 8 at Fallston High. These meetings will start at 6:00 p.m.
 - Jessica Blake (Aid to County Councilman Joe Woods):
 - The Board of Elections is looking for judges.
- Andrew Tress (Aid to County Council President, Billy Boniface):
 - No report
- New Business/Announcements:
 - May 17 is the Friends of the Abingdon Library yard sale from 8 a.m. – 12 noon.
 - On May 17 at 12:00 noon, the Library will be celebrating its 10th anniversary inside the library. The cake was donated by LaCakery.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.

Minutes submitted by Donna Copenhaver